

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG AND TAYLOR

RETIREMENT/DISTRICT ATTY: Provides relative to the District Attorneys' Retirement System

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1634(B)(introductory paragraph) and to repeal R.S.  
3 11:1581(13), relative to the District Attorneys' Retirement System; to provide  
4 relative to the powers, duties, and authority of the board of trustees; to provide  
5 relative to the authority of the board with respect to disability retirement; to provide  
6 for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
8 as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution  
9 of Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 11:1634(B)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and  
12 reenacted to read as follows:

13 §1634. Disability retirement

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15 B. The board of trustees shall award disability benefits to eligible members  
16 who have been officially certified as having a disability by the ~~State Medical~~  
17 ~~Disability Board~~ physician as designated by the board of trustees. Upon retirement  
18 caused by disability, the disability benefit shall be determined as provided in  
19 Paragraph (1) or Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, whichever is less:

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1 Section 2. R.S. 11:1581(13) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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DIGEST

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HB 19 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to definitions and the powers, duties, and authority of the board of trustees for the District Attorneys' Retirement System.

Present law defines "medical board" as the State Medical Disability Board.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides that a member who becomes disabled, who files for a disability benefit while in service, and who upon a medical examination and certification is found to have a total disability for any cause, is entitled to disability benefits as provided in present law. Requires the member to have 10 years of service credit and that the disability was incurred while the member was an active contributing member in active service. Provides that if an application for disability was not filed while the member was in active service, it is presumed that the disability was not incurred while the member was an active and contributing member.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the system board of trustees to award disability benefits to eligible members who have been officially certified as having a disability by the State Medical Disability Board.

Proposed law provides that the official certification of a disability is determined by a physician designated by the board of trustees.

(Amends R.S. 11:1634(B)(intro. para.); Repeals R.S. 11:1581(13))